

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 18-25 were pending and under consideration in this application. Claims 13 and 14 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 7, and 15 have been amended in this Amendment. Accordingly, claims 1-8, 11-12, 15-16, and 18-25 will be pending and under consideration after entry of this Amendment.

In the Office Action mailed May 25, 2007, claims 1-5, 7-8, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,650,871 to Cannon et al. ("Cannon") in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0198342 to Blickberndt et al. ("Blickberndt") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,205,338 to Kim ("Kim"). Claims 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cannon in combination with Blickberndt and Kim, and further in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0085262 to Underwood ("Underwood"). Claims 15-16 and 18-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0236091 to Wonak et al. ("Wonak") in view of Cannon, Blickberndt and Kim.

The following remarks are organized under subheadings corresponding to the rejections.

Rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-8, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The rejection of independent claims 1 and 7 should be withdrawn because each claim as presently amended recites at least one feature that is neither taught nor suggested by the cited art. In particular, claim 1, for example, has been amended to recite a system for exchanging data and audio between a cellular phone and landline phone that includes, among other things, a man

machine interface that includes at least one menu located in one or more of the cordless handset and base station and is configured to indicate the presence or absence of registered cellular telephones within a wireless communications range *of the base station*. This feature is also recited in substantially similar form in claim 7. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, at paragraph [0039] of the present specification and Figure 1, which disclose a menu that indicates the presence or absence of registered cellular telephones within a wireless communications range by, for example, providing a dialing menu that lists only those cellular phones within range of the base station. Accordingly, a user of a cordless phone system is dynamically provided with a set of registered cell phones that are within range to communicate with the cordless base station. Thus, for example, at any time, a user is informed of only those registered cell phones through which a user can place a call using the cordless handset.

The Examiner acknowledges that Cannon fails to disclose a man machine interface, let alone a menu, as recited in claims 1 and 7. Nor does the Examiner suggest that Blickberndt teaches the menu feature. Nor do the teachings of Kim cited by the Examiner disclose this feature. Figure 1 of Kim does disclose a general feature of known cordless phone systems that have multiple handsets, wherein some handsets may be within a "propagation area," while some are not. The text portions of Kim cited by the Examiner (see column 4, lines 28-35) disclose that a controller 111 of a handset displays "other available portable units" that are registered with a base unit. However, unlike the aspects of the invention recited in claim 1, Kim is directed toward systems and methods that allow intercom calls to be established between handsets *outside a propagation area* of a base station. (Abstract.) As detailed below, Kim fails to disclose or

suggest a system having a man machine interface that includes at least one menu located in one or more of the cordless handset and base station and is configured to indicate the presence or absence of registered cellular telephones *within a wireless communications range of the base station*.

As an initial matter, the display of "other portable units" taught by Kim has nothing to do with indicating the presence of registered phones *within a wireless communications range of the base station*, as recited in claim 1. On the contrary, Kim discloses in explicit detail that the display of portable units registered with the base unit occurs after it is determined that the handset in question is *outside the range of the base station*. (Column 4, lines 1-9 and Figure 3, steps 214-220.) Since the handset in question is not within the communications range of the base station, and since Kim is directed toward a method for establishing an intercom call directly between handsets, Kim cannot be construed to teach that the other available portable units displayed are within a wireless communications range of *the base station*. Secondly, the other portable units of Kim are simply other handsets of the cordless system, and not cellular telephones as recited in claim 1.

At least for these reasons, the disclosures in Cannon, Blickberndt, and Kim fail to teach or suggest the complete combination of features recited in claim 1, as well as independent claim 7. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Claims 2-5 and claims 8 and 11 depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively. They thereby include all the limitations of their respective base claims and are accordingly patentable over the

cited art for at least the reasons that apply to claims 1 and 7, as stated above. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2-5, 8, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) also be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 6 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The rejection of claims 6 and 12 as being unpatentable over Cannon in view of Blickberndt and Kim and further in view of Underwood was predicated upon the rejection of their respective base claims 1 and 7. As noted above, all the claims depending from claims 1 and 7, of which claims 6 and 12 are included, should be patentable over the combination of Cannon Blickberndt and Kim. The teachings of Underwood do not cure the defects in the teachings of Blickberndt, Cannon, and Kim. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 6 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) also be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 15-16 and 18-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Amended independent claim 15 recites at least one feature that is not taught or suggested by the combination of Wonak, Cannon, Blickberndt, and Kim. In particular, independent claim 15 recites a method for establishing wireless communications between a cellular and landline phone, including providing a menu that is configured to indicate only cellular telephones registered with the landline telephone that are within *a wireless communications range of a base station* of the landline telephone. This feature is substantially similar to a feature added to independent claims 1 and 7 discussed above. Thus, for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, Kim fails to teach or suggest this feature. In addition, this feature is also missing from the teachings of Cannon, Blickberndt, and Wonak. For at least this reason, Applicants

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submit that claim 15, as well as dependent claims 16 and 18-25 thereto, are patentable over the cited art. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 15-16 and 18-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

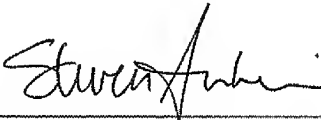
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